GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2287
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2014
PLATFORMS IN SUBURBAN RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commuters trapped/lost their limbs at the suburban railway stations in Mumbai during the last three years and the current year along with the details of compensation paid to them;

(b) whether the Railways have received representations from public representatives for raising the height of platforms at the suburban railway stations in Mumbai including on Virar-Dahanu Road sections and also received report from the expert group appointed by the High Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;

(d) whether any allocation of funds has been made for the purpose and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to raise the height of the platforms at these stations to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2287 BY ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANGA, SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE AND DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2014 REGARDING PLATFORMS IN SUBURBAN RAILWAY STATIONS

(a): The details of commuters trapped/lost their limbs at the suburban railway stations in Mumbai during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year	No. of commuters trapped/lost their limbs at railway stations
2011	26
2012	27
2013	31
2014(Upto June)	18

Data relating to compensation paid to commuters trapped/lost their limbs is not maintained separately by Railways. Compensation for all cases of death/injury irrespective of date of accidents paid by the Central and Western Railway for incidents in Mumbai during the last three years and the current year is as under :-

Year	Amount of compensation paid
2011-12	Rs. 556.80 lakhs
2012-13	Rs. 445.26 lakhs
2013-14	Rs. 231.10 lakhs
2014-15(Upto June , 2014)	Rs. 41.08 lakhs

Note : (1) Compensation to the victims of train accident/untoward incident, as defined under Section 124/124-A of the Railways Act, 1989, is paid by the Railways on being decreed by Railway Claims Tribunal, which is a quasi judicial body, independent from the railways.

(2) The compensation paid in a year is not related to the incident or casualties in that particular year. The amount paid in a year depends upon the number of cases finalized and decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal or court of law in a particular year and amount paid by the Railways irrespective of the year(s) in which the accident they pertain to, have occurred.

(b) to (e): Yes, Madam. A representation has been received for increasing the height of platforms of some stations of Central Railway and Western Railways, including stations between Virar and Dhanu Road. Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, had nominated a Committee.

The Committee has submitted its report to the Hon'ble Court on 11.03.2014, with a copy to the Railways. Further, as directed by Hon'ble High Court, an action plan has been submitted by the Railways to the Hon'ble High Court, which is monitoring the case.

The Work for raising of height of platforms has already started and so far height of 17 platforms has been raised on Western Railway. On Central Railway, raising of 24 platforms has been planned during 2014-15 & 2015-16.

The expenditure on works of raising the platforms is normally funded under Plan Head − 'Passenger Amenities'. Funds of Rs. 73.50 crores and Rs. 63.28 crores have been allocated under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' to Central and Western Railway respectively, which cover Mumbai suburban area.